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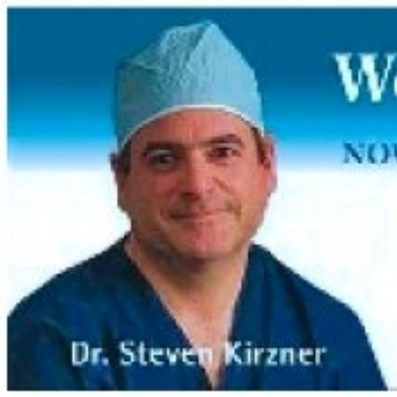

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Where you can spot the royals

The Royals in Canada

This time with tiny prince and princess in tow

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and Kate Middleton, will arrive in Victoria on Saturday before travelling to Vancouver on Sunday.

The royal tour in B.C. and the Yukon from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1 marks their second Canadian visit since they were married in 2011. This time, the couple will bring along their children, Prince George and Princess Charlotte.

Here are several spots people can see the couple during their tour of Vancouver on Sunday:

10:45 a.m. Jack Poole Plaza

The pair fly in from Victoria and head toward Jack Poole Plaza and the Olympic Cauldron.

11:15 a.m. Sheway pregnancy outreach

The duke and duchess arrive in the Downtown Eastside for a tour of Sheway, an outreach program for vulnerable pregnant women. A First Nations welcome, story time and vest-making are also on the agenda.

12:15 p.m. Immigrant Services Society of B.C.

The royal couple visit the Immigrant Services Society of B.C. at their New Welcome Centre, where they will tour the building, unveil a plaque marking the opening of a new playground and meet families new to Canada.

2:05 p.m. Telus Garden

The duke and duchess attend the Young Vancouver Reception at the new Telus Garden building.

3:15 p.m. Kitsilano Coast Guard Station

The royal couple talk with representatives of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, North Shore Rescue and other first responders about rescues and mental-health issues. The couple will head out to the Canadian Coast Guard Station on Sea Island via hovercraft at 4 p.m.

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Clark gets poll boost with housing tax

POLITICS

Premier's approval rating up seven points in one quarter

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Premier Christy Clark is getting a timely boost in popularity off the back of the British Columbia government's recent action on housing.

Clark's approval rating has shot up seven points (34 per cent, from 27) since May, according to the latest Angus Reid Institute poll on premiers' performance released Thursday.

The bump reverses a steady downward trajectory that has seen Clark's approval slide from a high of 45 per cent in June 2013 to just 27 per cent in May.

"To see an uptick of seven points in one quarter, I've never seen that in the last three and a half years," said Shachi Kurl, executive director of the Angus Reid Institute.

Kurl believes Clark's approval numbers are closely tied to action on housing, specifically B.C.'s implementation of a 15 per cent tax on real estate purchases made by foreigners and changing legislation to allow Vancouver to implement an empty homes tax.

B.C. has also ended the self-regulation of the real estate industry and last week announced an additional $500 million for affordable housing projects.

"We know that these are very highly approved of moves and measures," said Kurl. "(Housing affordability) is the No. 1 issue, it's the one thing people have been preoccupied with. And we also know that until we've seen some of these announcements made, there was a great deal of frustration and dissatisfaction with government on this file."

But while 34 per cent approve the job Clark is doing, 62 per cent still disapprove.

"When you find disapproval numbers that high, it means members of their own base are taking the opportunity to say they don't necessarily like the way that leader is doing their job," said Kurl.

Christy Clark
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POLICE

Advocates want dog handlers to wear cams

A legal advocacy group in British Columbia is calling for dog handlers with the Vancouver Police Department to wear body cameras after a bystander was accidentally mauled earlier this week during a police takedown.

Doug King of Pivot Legal Society says the use of police dogs is on the rise and that recording attacks on video would provide an objective look at situations that prompt their use.

A man was sent to hospital with serious injuries on Monday as three alleged kidnappers were arrested in the Metro Vancouver suburb of New Westminster.

A spokeswoman with a New Westminster hospital says Vick Supramaniam, the person identified in the media as the dog-bite victim, has been discharged. A report from Global News says the man lost part of his left ear and was bitten on his thigh.

"We can't say that collateral damage is OK in our domestic police. It's just not right," King said. "We need to know why the handler made the decision to deploy the dog, why the dog was allowed to maul him for so long."

> **We can't say that collateral damage is OK in our domestic police.**
> Doug King

Vancouver police apologized for the attack, explaining that a "completely innocent person" had been caught up in Monday's incident.

"We were dealing with armed people who were alleged to have committed murders, who have a kidnap victim in their vehicle, and we had to act very quickly," said spokesman Const. Brian Montague.

"Our officers are reaching out to the family to see if there's anything we can do to help them, but there's no doubt that they'll be traumatized."

He said in an email Thursday that accidental bites are very rare and that dogs are used only in serious and dangerous situations when suspects are hiding or running away from police.

A man who answered the phone at the Supramaniam residence said Vick Supramaniam was doing well but that he declined to comment.

The organization in B.C. that investigates serious injuries or death involving police is looking into the incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Caroline Adderson is a heritage house advocate and author of Vancouver Vanishes. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Homeowners cooling to idea of 'lottery' tax

CODE RED HOUSING CRISIS

Issue 'pitting the Baby Boomers and older against millennials'

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Some call it clever foresight. To others, sheer "fluke" — simply profiting from Vancouver's "lottery of timing."

However you see it, it's clear that those fortunate Vancouverites who bought homes in previous decades before values exploded have amassed what amounts to a massive windfall.

Now, as some younger generations' residents question whether they have a future in their own city as either owners or renters, ideas for how to deal with the winnings are generating mixed reviews.

On Sept. 6, Environics Analytics released a study concluding that, thanks to home prices, Vancouver has become the country's first "city of millionaires," with the average total wealth — including property — exceeding $1 million a head for the first time this year.

"It's an issue that's pitting the Baby Boomers and older against millennials," said Penny Gurstein, director of the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning, in a phone interview. "It's become an age issue now, rather than just socioeconomic status."

But instead of a battle between homeowners against renters, or old against young, some residents are banding together to worry about the same thing: their future here.

"Even families who are very wealthy are very concerned about how their children are going to be able to live here — it's going to be increasingly difficult," Gurstein said. "We're hollowing out the city of Vancouver."

Homeowners across the city told Metro the same thing: The rapid lift in their property values pales in importance to whether their descendants can remain here, particularly as parents near retirement.

"It's insane," said East Vancouver homeowner Dave, who asked not to publish his surname. "My oldest daughter makes a really good income, but she doesn't know what her future holds here … the youngest one's just out of school and wants to live on her own, but it's hard to find anything affordable even renting. Forget about owning."

This week, a Chinese student filed a class action lawsuit in court against B.C.'s tax on non-resident or citizen buyers, calling it discrimination based on nationality.

Regardless of whether the case is allowed to proceed, for Generation Squeeze founder Paul Kershaw it's an opportunity to question why buyers' origins should matter when it comes to taxes — instead of taxing what he calls "housing wealth" in order to drive down prices and create revenue for more supply.

Vancouver has become the country's first "city of millionaires." JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

"For those who have had homes for some time — I'm thinking about my mom's demographic — the fact that housing prices have gone up so much is golden," he explained. "It's contributing tremendously to the financial security I want for her in her retirement.

"But by the same token, she is well aware that her kids and grandchildren can't manage to actually start homes in the same way she did."

That's why the Generation Squeeze campaign, which advocates for government policies more equitable for Canadians under 40, has suggested that taxes actually look at households' total wealth including their homes, since they benefited from nothing more than a "lottery of timing."

Although the city already levies greater taxes based on a property's assessed value, and sellers pay capital gains tax, Kershaw argued the system is still stacked in favour of those generations of homeowners who have become house-rich while others are priced out.

Vancouver author Caroline Adderson heard Kershaw outline the proposal at a rally held last Saturday downtown, and disagreed.

"If that happened, we would lose our house," the author of the book Vancouver Vanishes: Narratives of Demolition and Revival, told Metro. "Somebody told me we could defer our taxes, but I don't believe in that.

"Taxes are my contribution to my community. If everyone's going to defer their taxes, how's the scheme going to work? The coffers won't fill."

Housing lottery winners

Meet Vancouver's every day "lottery" winners.

For "Carol" (not her real name), the single-family detached home she bought on the city's West Side 30 years ago for $260,000 in today's dollars is now worth more than $3 million.

Likewise, 56-year-old manufacturing business owner Dave (who asked that Metro withhold his surname) bought an East Vancouver house 10 years ago only to watch it leap in value.

Local author Caroline Adderson told Metro her West Side house has jumped by "lots and lots" since she bought it 17 years ago.

"I do not feel entitled to this," she admitted. "I'm not one of those people that says I must protect my investment, because it's a fluke.

"That's not an investment — it's a freakish thing that we happen to be in this situation."

These are all examples of what Generation Squeeze refers to as the "lottery of timing" that's seen existing homeowners profit from the city's real estate boom — a boom largely not of their making amidst high demand, international speculation and short supply.

Nonetheless, increasing taxes on lucky homeowners like "Carol" isn't the answer. Just because her home rose nearly 12-fold in value over the past 30 years doesn't mean she actually has access to that cash. After all, she needs a place to live.

"People are saying, 'Sell! Sell! Sell!," she told Metro. "But if I sold — which I thought of — there's no place to go."

As Adderson sees it, "the money is imaginary anyway," she quipped. "What would happen if I took this money? ... I'd have to leave my community and friends and the place I love."

"It's not a windfall until you actually sell it," Dave concurred, before pausing. "But then you still have to live somewhere." DAVID P. BALL/METRO

CODE RED NEXT WEEK

The low interest rate trap

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Code Red: The response

A few of the responses we have received so far to the series. They have been edited for length.

"It's unfair that I have lived in Canada all my life but I can't afford a house here. I really don't want to rent anymore. Not to mention that the prices for rent here are just as terrible and with that as high as it is I can't even save up enough money to buy a house because its all going to bills and rent expenses. I also have a small dog and finding any type of housing that allows me to keep him makes it even more atrocious here in the city."

- Casey

"Give your head a shake. It's too late to act upon this. We allowed the problem to begin with. I don't think much can be done. The crybaby Vancouverites who want everything for free have to learn you can't have everything you want. And this includes moving away from the downtown core and moving to Langely or further out."

- Rob

"Affordable rental housing is a Lower Mainland problem, not just the Vancouver area. My daughter, who lives in Maple Ridge, is a single working mom with a three year old, her landlord sold his house last year and she had a really tough time finding a decent affordable place for them both to live. The rents are so high, it's ridiculous."

- Jeanette

"I am happy to read that there are people out there whose thinking is rational, in that, housing should be a place to live first, not an investment to be flipped and re-flipped for profit. I would have to disagree with the idea that house wealth should be taxed though, especially if it is indeed a place to live. I bought my property in 1999, for $160,000. I don't make a lot of money, I used my RRSP as part of my 5 per cent down payment. The house is 730 square feet, built in 1935. Nothing spectacular. It is currently valued at $1,200,000. If I was to be taxed on the artificially high valuation created by real estate agents and speculators, I don't think I could afford it."

- Beatrice

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1 tsp (5 mL) kosher salt

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1. Fill a large pot with generously salted water and bring it to boil. Add pasta, and cook according to the packet instructions. For the final 1 ½ minutes of cook time, add broccoli florets to the pot and cook with pasta until just tender.

2. Meanwhile, heat butter and flour in a saucepan over medium heat until mixture is just bubbling. Slowly add in milk and whisk constantly until smooth and thickened to a roux.

3. Continue to cook roux for 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly until it has thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon. Stir in two-thirds of the cheese until melted. Season with kosher salt.

4. Preheat broiler to high.

5. Drain pasta and broccoli in a large colander and transfer to a shallow ovenproof dish. Flake tuna on top of the pasta and broccoli.

6. Pour cheese sauce over pasta mixture and top with sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

7. Place pasta bake under broiler for 4-5 minutes, or until the cheese melts and turns golden-brown. Serve immediately.

Tip: Make the pasta bake the night before and pop it into the oven for a quick, simple week night meal.

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Foreign tax leads to drop in sales

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Transactions decreased by 94 per cent in Vancouver

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

The new foreign buyer tax has led to a substantial drop in home sales in Metro Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

The B.C. government's newly introduced foreign buyer tax led to a steep drop in both total home sales across Metro Vancouver and the dollar value of residential home sales in the month of August.

In Metro Vancouver, there were 1,974 home sales involving foreign nationals in the period from June 10 to Aug. 1. That fell to just 60 from Aug. 2 to 31. Overall, the total dollar value of home sales in Metro Vancouver fell to $6.5 billion from $14 billion.

B.C.'s Ministry of Finance released data that compared two periods of different duration: 53 days between June 10 and Aug. 1, and 30 days between Aug. 2 and 31.

Home sales to foreign buyers dropped 94 per cent between the two periods, when the number of deals in the first period is averaged over a 30-day period.

"I hope all the people who said (foreign buyers) were just three to five per cent of the market are hanging their heads," said David Eby, MLA for Vancouver—Point Grey and the Opposition NDP's critic for housing.

> **Obviously the foreign buyer tax has had a big impact on the foreign nationals.**
> Cameron Muir

The data show that between June 10 and Aug. 1, foreign nationals made up 13.2 per cent of purchasers in Metro Vancouver, 15.5 per cent in Vancouver, 24.7 per cent in Richmond and 24.2 per cent in Burnaby.

The new tax raised $2.5 million in additional property transfer tax revenue for the province.

"When we look at the data that we have right now, obviously the foreign buyer tax has had a big impact on the foreign nationals," said Cameron Muir, economist with the BC Real Estate Association.

Muir's assessment that foreign buyers represented around five per cent of the market had influenced the previous B.C. Liberal position on the issue: that Vancouver's soaring home prices were a function of supply and demand dynamics, not significant amounts of international money landing in Metro Vancouver's residential real estate market.

"To set the record straight, it was more than a year ago now that we had compiled the available data and all of that pointed to five per cent or so," Muir said, adding that he still believes a longer data set needs to be collected to know the full effect of the foreign buyer tax. "We recommended that government collect data to better ascertain what was going on in the marketplace."

The B.C. government's new 15 per cent tax on home sales in Metro Vancouver involving foreign nationals took effect on Aug. 2. The province took the unexpected action following data collection that began in June, which showed foreign buyers bought over $885 million worth of Metro Vancouver houses and condos in just five weeks.

On July 29, just before the tax took effect, more than $850 million in transactions involving foreign buyers were registered at the B.C. Land Titles office.

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More safe injection sites on way

OVERDOSE DEATHS

Health officials hope to help Downtown Eastside

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Even with Insite, demand for new supervised injection sites remains highest in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Vancouver Coastal Health says.

The health authority announced this week it is preparing applications for two new supervised injection sites in that community in response to the British Columbia's epidemic of overdose deaths.

Chief Medical Officer Patricia Daly hopes that eight more supervised consumption spaces — approximately half of Insite's capacity — split between the DTES Mental Health and Substance Use drop-in centre (528 Powell St.) and the Heatley Community Health centre (330 Heatley St.) will be up and running early next year if approved by Health Canada.

Vancouver Coastal Health chief medical health officer Dr. Patricia Daly wants to see eight more sites JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

"We've chosen the sites based on where we're seeing the majority of overdose deaths occurring, where we know there is the most demand," Daly told media on Thursday. "We've long heard from the community that we need to offer supervised injection services in additional locations aside from Insite. Even though those locations are within blocks of Insite … they meet a need we know exists in those neighbourhoods."

Daly said VCH plans to apply for additional supervised injection sites, some outside the DTES, next year but didn't want to delay the arduous application process any further for the first two sites when lives could be saved.

As of August, 488 people in British Columbia have died from accidental drug overdoses this year, the majority linked to the presence of fentanyl in their drugs.

Of the 532 calls where B.C. Ambulance Service responders administered naloxone — a drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose — between April and August, 42 per cent were in the DTES, Daly said.

"We know that if people inject alone, particularly in a private residence, they are more likely to die because their overdose is not witnessed," Daly said. "Part of our strategy is to offer these services in other locations and other neighbourhoods because people may not wish to travel all the way to Insite when they're going through withdrawal and they need to inject drugs."

VCH plans to work closer with peer and neighbourhood groups to respond to overdoses that occur outside injection sites.

"Supervised injection sites will help one part of the population, but we don't anticipate that every injection of every drug users will occurring in a supervised injection site," she said. "It's not our only strategy."

VCH plans to formally file applications for the Powell and Heatley sites by the end of October, after conducting mandatory engagement with stakeholders in the neighbourhood.

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Homelessness, pot tax top meeting agenda

Nearly 2,000 municipal politicians, civic staff and other community leaders are preparing for a five-day Union of B.C. Municipalities convention beginning Monday in Victoria.

Representatives of 189 local governments from all corners of B.C. can take part in opening day panels on tent cities, homelessness, gang violence, climate action and forest policy.

Almost 200 resolutions will also be debated during the 113th annual gathering being held at the Victoria Convention Centre.

Premier Christy Clark is scheduled to address delegates on Wednesday, NDP Leader John Horgan will do the same on Thursday, and the convention will hear from Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi next Friday before the gathering wraps up.

200

About 200 resolutions will be debated by municipal politicians and community leaders from across the province at the convention.

Election of a new president and executive team is slated for Thursday, as Cariboo Regional District chairman Al Richmond ends his term leading the UBCM.

He says the issue of marijuana regulation and tax sharing is expected to raise strong interest among delegates but housing affordability in urban and rural centres is also high on the agenda. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A two-year-old Metis girl at the heart of a court fight between her foster parents and the B.C. government walks with her foster father in Butchart Gardens. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Group asks for delay on placement of Metis child

British Columbia's representative for children and youth is urging the province's attorney general to intervene in the case of a Metis toddler being adopted to non-aboriginal parents in Ontario.

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond said she is acting on advice from three leading Metis cultural experts and believes that the little girl's heritage has not been given adequate consideration.

In a letter to Attorney General Suzanne Anton, Turpel-Lafond has asked that a decision on the child's placement be delayed for about a month so full indigenous consultation can take place.

"After the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we're supposed to be in an era of reconciliation, of listening and changing how we do child welfare," Turpel-Lafond said in an interview.

"I don't think this case represents anything changed about child welfare. This is old-school child welfare, where you have a shutdown on the aboriginal viewpoint and you are not actually embracing them."

The nearly three-year-old girl has been in the care of a Metis foster mother since she was two days old. Last week, the Vancouver Island woman and her husband lost a bid to adopt the toddler in the B.C. Court of Appeal.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development removed the girl from the couple's home on Sunday and plans to move her next week to Ontario to live with the adoptive parents, whom she has never met.

The ministry said it must obtain approval from a committee of Metis, First Nations and child welfare before placing an aboriginal child in a non-aboriginal home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Province to collect unwanted weapons, ammo

The province says a firearms amnesty next month will allow residents to turn in any unwanted weapons and ammunition.

Officials say the province's previous gun amnesty in 2013 brought in 1,800 firearms, 155 other weapons and more than 30,000 rounds of ammunition.

The program is meant to ensure the safe disposal of unwanted weapons that could otherwise end up in the hands of criminals, children or others.

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Salmon Arm highway expansion announced

Transportation Minister Todd Stone says a $162-million project to widen the Trans-Canada Highway in Salmon Arm will improve safety.

Stone says that adding more lanes will make things safer, particularly at the Salmon River Bridge, which will be replaced.

The federal government will be contributing up to $48.5 million for the improvements, which will include upgrading connections to the existing road network.

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BEAR SCARE

Bruins' bender ends with capture

A nearly week-long holiday of swimming and munching on berries has come to an end for two grizzly bears that have been caught on a tiny island just off the north-east tip of Vancouver Island.

Village of Alert Bay chief administrative officer Justin Beadle said the two- to-three-year-old bruins were captured within a few hours of each other on Thursday morning, much to the relief of residents on Cormorant Island, where the village is located.

"Everyone will be very pleased because it was going on a little long there," said Beadle of the uncommon guests who swam to the 4.5-square-kilometre island, about 350 kilometres north of Nanaimo, last Friday.

Grizzlies are not native to the area and the presence of the two bears caused some concern among the roughly 1,000 Alert Bay residents, Beadle said.

An advisory issued by the village several days after the bears arrived informed Alert Bay residents to pack up fishing equipment, stay off area walking trails and take other bear-proofing precautions while traps were set.

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Nerds unite for Nite out

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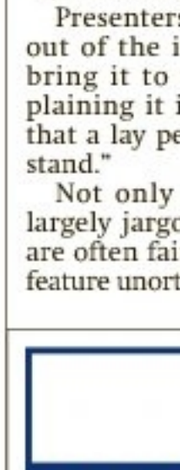

Amy Logan
For Metro | Vancouver

A professor of neuroscience holds sway over a crowd of hipster nerds in the darkened Fox Cabaret — this is science for the masses, and beer drinking is encouraged.

For a growing number of Vancouverites, learning about science has never been so much fun.

Kaylee Byers, organizer and co-founder of Nerd Nite's Vancouver chapter, along with Brandon Doty and Michael Unger, aim to "make science more accessible."

With more than 70 chapters worldwide, Nerd Nite's three presenters give 20-minute talks and take questions at the end.

Participants are paid in beer "for their nerdery," said Byers.

Presenters "take research out of the ivory tower and bring it to the people, explaining it in a simple way that a lay person can understand."

Not only are Nerd Nites largely jargon-free, but they are often fairly lowbrow and feature unorthodox topics ranging from sex with androids to animal genitalia, she added.

Byers noted that the city has a reputation for coldness, but Nerd Nite allows people to meet and mingle with like-minded, curious Vancouverites. Science is important because it "shows us how things work. It's all around us," said Byers.

Curiosity Collider, a community hub for innovators, also encourages connections among scientists, artists, teachers and business people. Events range from a Science Meets Art workshop at Britannia Mine Museum where participants explore the connections between chemical reactions in art and mining to a collaborative sound piece inspired by botany.

Anecdotal Evidence, held at venues from Lana Lous to the Fox, explores the human side of science by offering up stories of death, love, failure and triumph, illuminating the impact of science on individual lives.

Cafe Scientifique is a forum for public discussion and debate on science issues in a relaxed atmosphere. One recent talk at Yagger's sports bar featured Pleistocene megafauna and evolutionary radiation.

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The view of Howe Sound from the top of the Chief's First Peak. GRAEME MCRANOR/FOR METRO

Sneak a peak at Stawamus Chief

FRESH AIR

Graeme McRanor
For Metro

The Stawamus Chief, that massive 700-metre slab of granite looming large over the town of Squamish, used to be something I simply drove past while en route to Whistler.

But when my son was born eight years ago I started occasionally hiking it — first with my son on my back, then, as he older, with him at my side.

It's a popular route — not as busy as the Grouse Grind, but certainly the most-crowded hike accessed via the Sea-to-Sky highway, particularly on summer weekends.

There are three summits that all offer sweeping views of Howe Sound, Squamish and surrounding mountains. I've only ever done the First (South) Peak, but the route to both the Second (Centre) and Third (North) Peaks starts at the same spot near the viewpoint for Shannon Falls.

It's a steady climb with lots of stairs leading up to the fork for the three peaks. Once you arrive at the junction, keep left for First Peak. The path gets steeper and you'll soon reach some ladders and chains that will help you navigate the steeper granite sections of the climb.

If you're keen to do the other peaks, you'll have to go back to the junction before making your way to the Second and Third peaks, respectively. All three peaks are great spots for lunch. Just make sure that, if you're going to try for all three, you leave yourself plenty of daylight. You'll need about five hours to tick-off all three — and at least three hours to do the South Peak only. Then, of course, time to get down.

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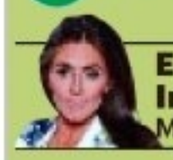

Erin Ireland
Metro | Vancouver

There are few lunch spots downtown that do it all. That is, make their own bread, all the fixings and even the cheese. Gastown's Smallflower Café is a bright, high-ceilinged lunch spot, a gluten-free bake shop, and a mini market. Staff handmake all of the products— not only for their own operation, but for sister diner The Wallflower as well.

Owner and jill-of-all-trades Lisa Skelton's updated menu included new gluten-free sourdough bread, three sandwiches, mac and cheese and more.

Of the new items I sampled, the roasted eggplant sandwich took first prize. Biting into this beast, which also contains peppery arugula, is a comforting experience and I was left completely satisfied. Brightened with a bit of citrus, Lisa's cashew cheese is beautifully simple, containing not a single ingredient you can't pronounce. Same story with her housemade vegan sausage — an extra you must add on to Smallflower's breakfast sandwich.

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McDonald's urged to apologize

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Treatment of trans teen 'just completely backwards'

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax LGBTQ group says the McDonald's corporation should apologize to protect its "reputation worldwide" after a trans teen says he was let go from the company over media attention.

Kenny Cooley, 17, spoke to Metro about being the first trans football player on his high-school's football team last week. He later made headlines in both national and international news outlets.

During an interview on Wednesday, Cooley said he was fired from the Bedford Highway location of McDonald's two days after the story initially ran.

Cooley said he was given two reasons for dismissal, "one because of the media and two because we had some schedule mishaps."

Kenny Cooley outside Halifax West High School on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The Youth Project is now calling on McDonald's to reinstate Cooley and issue an apology. Kate Shewan, executive director of the Youth Project, said she knows the company has individual franchise owners, but it's important for the corporation to say "this is not great, it will affect our reputation worldwide."

In addition, Shewan says, McDonald's should update its policies on gender identity and sexual orientation to make sure "they're much more inclusive and respectful of everybody."

"Youth are constantly telling us that they're denied employment opportunities because they're trans; we hear it happening all the time," Shewan said Thursday.

"When it's in the media, we felt that it was important to show our support."

A McDonald's spokesperson did not confirm Cooley had been let go but forwarded an emailed statement from the branch owner, Bob Smith, on Wednesday.

Smith said he was "shocked by these allegations as they are simply not true."

Two other emails by Metro to McDonald's on Thursday asking for further response, and whether an apology would be made to Cooley, weren't returned.

Since the media attention around Cooley included positive, good-news stories about his success, Shewan said that's something they "expect an employer to really be celebrating."

"To have that being brought up as part of a termination seems just completely backwards," Shewan said.

"The very fact that it was brought up — when it's such a positive story, and they're treating it as a negative — the only thing that I could see that being is transphobia."

When Metro went to the Bedford location again Thursday, an employee said they would pass along a request to see the store manager and the right person would call back.

There was no response before deadline.

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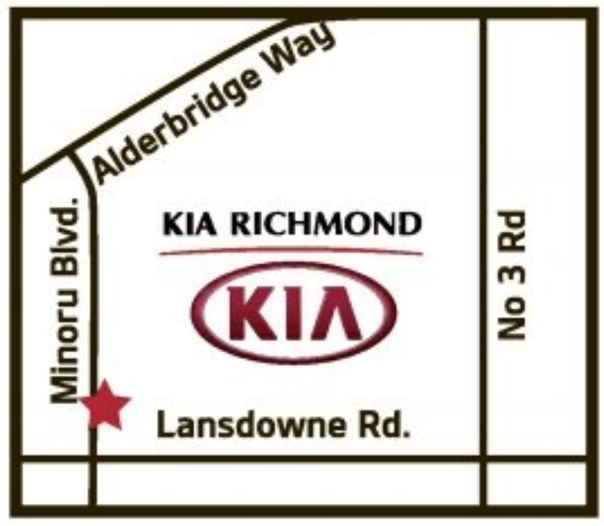

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Maryam Monsef says she's gone through "a range of emotions" after learning the truth of her birthplace. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister shocked by birthplace news

POLITICS

Mom confirms she was born in Iran and not Afghanistan

The dramatic life story and political narrative of the woman hailed as Canada's first Afghanistan-born cabinet minister, Maryam Monsef, shifted dramatically when the Globe and Mail newspaper revealed to her that she was in fact "born in Mashhad, Iran and not in Herat, Afghanistan — as I was led to believe for my whole life."

In a CTV television interview, Monsef said when the Globe first inquired last week she was on the road and phoned her mother, saying "this is silly, right?" When her mother told her the reporter's question "had some merit," Monsef said she broke down.

Monsef said after her Afghan parents married in Herat, Afghanistan, the "local security situation became untenable."

"No longer safe in their home town, my parents decided not to take risks and went to Mashhad, Iran.

"My sisters and I asked my mother why she never told us we were born in Iran. She told us she did not think it mattered. We were Afghan citizens, as we were born to Afghan parents, and under Iranian law, we would not be considered Iranian citizens despite being born in that country."

> "My sisters and I asked my mother why she never told us we were born in Iran. Maryam Monsef

However, the Conservative party's critic on immigration and citizenship, MP Michelle Rempel, posted on her Twitter account a series of questions saying Monsef's story now raises "tough" questions.

"A tough question, but was her country of birth accurately represented on her refugee & citizenship application? Serious consequences if not. And if the country was accurate on these documents, how did the discrepancy get missed in cabinet vetting / security clearance processes?"

"Another tough question, should would [sic] have a diplomatic passport for travel now. What country of origin is listed on there?," asked Rempel.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Quebec woman seeks legal clarification on hijab

Lawyers for Rania El-Alloul who was denied a court appearance because of her hijab were back in court Thursday seeking a legal opinion on the rights of Quebecers who want access to justice while wearing religious attire. Last February, Quebec court Judge Eliana Marengo told El-Alloul her case involving her impounded vehicle would not proceed as long as she was wearing the hijab.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLITICS

Top Trudeau aides apologize over moving expense claims

Justin Trudeau's two top aides are repaying a "significant portion" of the $207,000 they received for moving expenses, hoping to douse a controversy that has plagued the Liberal government since the outset of the fall parliamentary sitting.

The prime minister's chief of staff Katie Telford and principal secretary Gerald Butts posted a joint statement on their Facebook pages Thursday, taking full responsibility for the expenses and apologizing for all the fuss.

The pair, who moved separately to Ottawa from Toronto after the 2015 election, said they followed all the rules of a federal relocation policy that's been in place for senior political staff and public servants "for decades," noting that the prime minister has now asked Treasury Board to craft a new policy.

The pair offered a detailed breakdown of their moving expenses, which totalled $126,669 for Butts and $80,382 for Telford.

And they pledged to accept reimbursement only for "the actual cost" paid to third parties to move their families and their belongings to the nation's capital.

Consequently, both will reimburse the government for something called "personal cash payout" — $23,373 for Telford and $20,299 for Butts.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senator listed as director of offshore firm without knowing

Canadian Sen. Nicole Eaton is listed as a director of an offshore company in the Bahamas. A close friend said Eaton's name was used without her permission. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Federal Sen. Nicole Eaton has taken the unusual step of asking the Senate Ethics Officer to investigate revelations — presented to her by the Toronto Star and CBC/Radio-Canada — that she was a director of a company in the offshore tax haven of the Bahamas for 12 years without declaring it.

Her explanation: She had no idea until a Toronto Star reporter told her on Tuesday.

Eaton, a Conservative senator who recently made headlines with her anti-bike lane tweets, is listed as a director of a Bahamas-based company called Mount Bodun Ltd. between 1999 and 2011, according to Bahamian corporate registration records leaked to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and shared exclusively with the Toronto Star and CBC/Radio-Canada in Canada.

This clearly occurred without my knowledge or consent.

Nicole Eaton

Each year, senators must declare any corporate director or officer positions they hold to comply with the Senate's Code of Ethics. Eaton's annual disclosure statements dating back to her appointment to the Senate by Stephen Harper in 2008 repeatedly say, "None," in response to the question about corporate directorships.

"I became aware of the matter of Bahamian company Mount Bodun Ltd.'s alleged listing of me as a director of the company on Sept. 19, 2016," Eaton said in a statement. "A reporter from the Toronto Star contacted my office seeking comment on this matter."

The statement says she maintains her initial assertion that she "knew nothing of this" and has "never served on this company's board of directors … This clearly occurred without my knowledge or consent."

It says her office informed the Senate Ethics Officer of the issue on Tuesday and committed to providing "our full co-operation in the review of this situation."

The question of how a sitting senator could end up on the board of a tax haven company without her knowledge is puzzling even to experts.

"The Ethics Officer should not accept the story without evidence," said Duff Conacher, co-founder of Ottawa-based Democracy Watch, a government ethics advocacy group.

The Senate Ethics Officer's office confirmed that it had received a call from Eaton's office and is looking into the matter.

Eaton's assertions that she was unwittingly made a director of a Bahamian company are supported by the woman who admits to listing Eaton without consulting her: Marian Bassett, a member of the famous Canadian Bassett family.

"I put Nicky down as a director because she is a very, very old family friend," said Marian Bassett, whose late husband, David, is the son of John Bassett.

"I just put her name down because it was safe, and I never told her," said Bassett, describing the company as a financial vehicle for the family's estate and the couple's three children. "She didn't even know she was on (the company's board) . . . . Listen, it's all on me."

The decision was made, she says, during a "stressed situation" when her husband was in and out of hospital with health issues.

"It was just a sh– show is all I can say and then it just fell through the cracks."

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None of the major presidential candidates was viewed favourably. Republican candidate Donald Trump was at 28 per cent positive, 61 per cent negative. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton was at 37 per cent positive, 52 per cent negative.

Canadians also like America, but not quite as much. Sixty-eight per cent of Canadians had a favourable view of America in a Pew poll last year; 26 per cent had an unfavourable view.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Charlotte police won't release footage without 'compelling reason'

Charlotte police refused under mounting pressure Thursday to release video that could resolve wildly different accounts of the shooting of a black man, as the National Guard arrived to try to head off a third night of violence in this city on edge.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Kerr Putney said that releasing police dashcam and body camera footage of the killing of 43-year Keith Lamont Scott could undermine the investigation. He told reporters the video will be made public when he believes there is a "compelling reason" to do so.

"You shouldn't expect it to be released," Putney said. "I'm not going to jeopardize the investigation."

Meanwhile, an undisclosed number of National Guardsmen assembled in Charlotte, sent in by Gov. Pat McCrory after a second straight night of racial unrest that seemed at odds with Charlotte's image as a diverse, forward-looking banking capital of the New South.

Charlotte is just the latest U.S. city to be shaken by protests and recriminations over the death of a black man at the hands of policeOther cities have released footage of police shootings. Just this week, Tulsa police let the public see video of the disputed Sept. 16 shooting, though the footage left important questions unanswered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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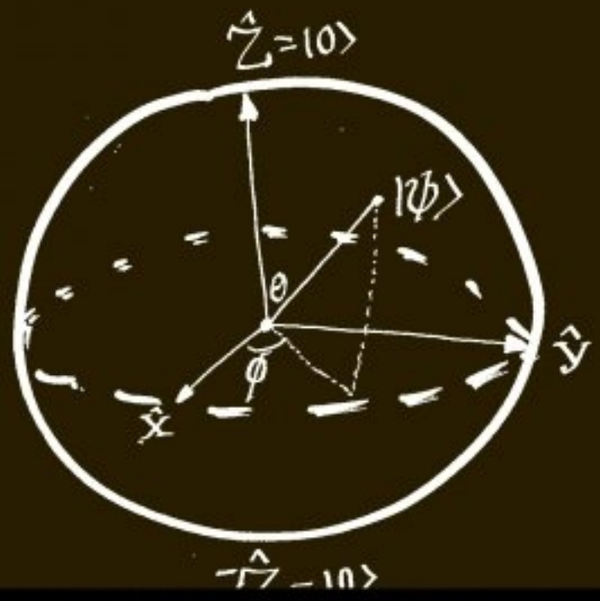
OH, TO BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE

Hands up: Who wants to beam themselves to school or work? Us too. Too bad quantum teleportation has nothing to do with that. Scientists in Calgary have transferred 'disembodied' information from one particle to another one, across the city. It's teleportation, but no physical matter travelled anywhere. **It boggles the mind — but it could also pave the way for a future, super-fast, super-secure Internet.**

PHOTONS are tiny particles with energy, but no mass. They're what light is made of.

Using some fancy lasers and other high-tech equipment, researchers at the University of Calgary created an **entangled pair of photons** and sent one across town to Calgary City Hall.

The properties — or quantum states — of the two photons remained exactly in sync. What happened to one affected the other. It's sort of hard to imagine, but the photons were fundamentally linked in such a way that they're actually **the same thing**. That's the **teleportation** part.



The distance (six kilometres) and the connection (dark fibre cable) between the photons is important because in the future, information could be sent this way via the **quantum Internet**, all over the world, using materials we already have.

This **quanternet** — it's still theoretical at this point —would also be virtually unhackable. One of the weird things about quantum physics is that when humans come in and observe a system, they mess it up — meaning any would-be hacker would instantly advertise his or her presence.

Photon A Photon B

WHAT IS ENTANGLEMENT?

Entanglement just means the state of one system is dependent on the state of another. For example, an atom's electrons and protons are entangled: As one moves, so does the other.

Quantum teleportation is when information is sent from one location (like a photon at the University of Calgary) to another (a photon at Calgary city hall) without the need for a physical particle as a go-between. Because the two photons are entangled, what happens to the state of one automatically affects the state of the other — and **information** passes between them. "Information" in this sense means a description of the photon's **state.** An example of a state would be **orientation**: the photon could be in a horizontal or vertical position. Imagine horizontal means zero and vertical means one: You can see how information can be encoded in photons the same way it is in computers' **binary code**, a sequence of zeros and ones called **bits**. But because quantum physics is super weird, a photon can also be in **superposition**: It can be a zero and a one at the same time. That's why computers of the future that process information encoded in particles called quantum bits (**qubits**) will be unfathomably fast.

FINDINGS
Your week in science

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TARDIGRADE TROOPERS

Tough-as-nails tardigrades, better known as water bears, can withstand boiling, freezing and the vacuum of space. Now Japanese researchers have learned the teeny, freaking-looking critters have a radiation-resistance gene, too — and it can be transferred to human cells.

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MOVIES MUSIC TELEVISION DIGITAL

Director Antoine Fuqua jokes the reason he remade The Magnificent Seven was so he could see Denzel Washington on a horse. CONTRIBUTED

Not all cowboys look like John Wayne

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Antoine Fuqua taps one of the most diverse casts for film

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Why did director Antoine Fuqua decide to remake the legendary 1960 western The Magnificent Seven? "I wanted to see Denzel Washington on a horse," he jokes.

The story of seven men who come together to protect a town from a vicious robber baron looks back further than the 1960 film to the 1954 epic Japanese historical drama Seven Samurai. Often cited as one of the greatest films ever made, Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai provided what Fuqua described as the DNA of his film, but he also noted, "Westerns change with the time we're in, so we made our film based on the world we are living in."

To that end, he has assembled the most diverse cast for a western ever. In addition to top-billed stars Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke and Vincent D'Onofrio, the seven magnificent leading actors include South Korean star Lee Byung-hun, the Mexican born Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, and Martin Sensmeier, an American actor of Tlingit, Koyukon-Athabascan and Irish descent. "You can't do the same thing every era," says Fuqua.

Westerns change all the time, he adds. If filmmakers stuck to just one way of making a movie then all westerns would be cast with white guys looking like John Wayne in a John Ford movie, Fuqua jokes.

"My idea was, if Denzel walks into a room, the room stops. If Clint Eastwood walks into a room, the room stops. Is it because he's a gunslinger or is it because of the colour of his skin? We'll let the audience decide," he says.

When asked if The Magnificent Seven is proof that Hollywood is becoming more diverse the director says, "You have to give the studio credit when they do something like this. This becomes the new definition of what a western is."

Star Denzel Washington says he's never seen the 1960 film.

"I didn't keep away from it," he says. "I just didn't know how it would help me. I had never seen it as a kid or whatever. People say, 'You're the so and so character,' I don't even know who that is. I think it allowed me to do whatever I wanted to do instead of trying to not do what someone else did."

Why did he sign on? "Well, Antoine asked me. It's as simple as that. Obviously, it's a good story and a good script but most importantly it was Antoine."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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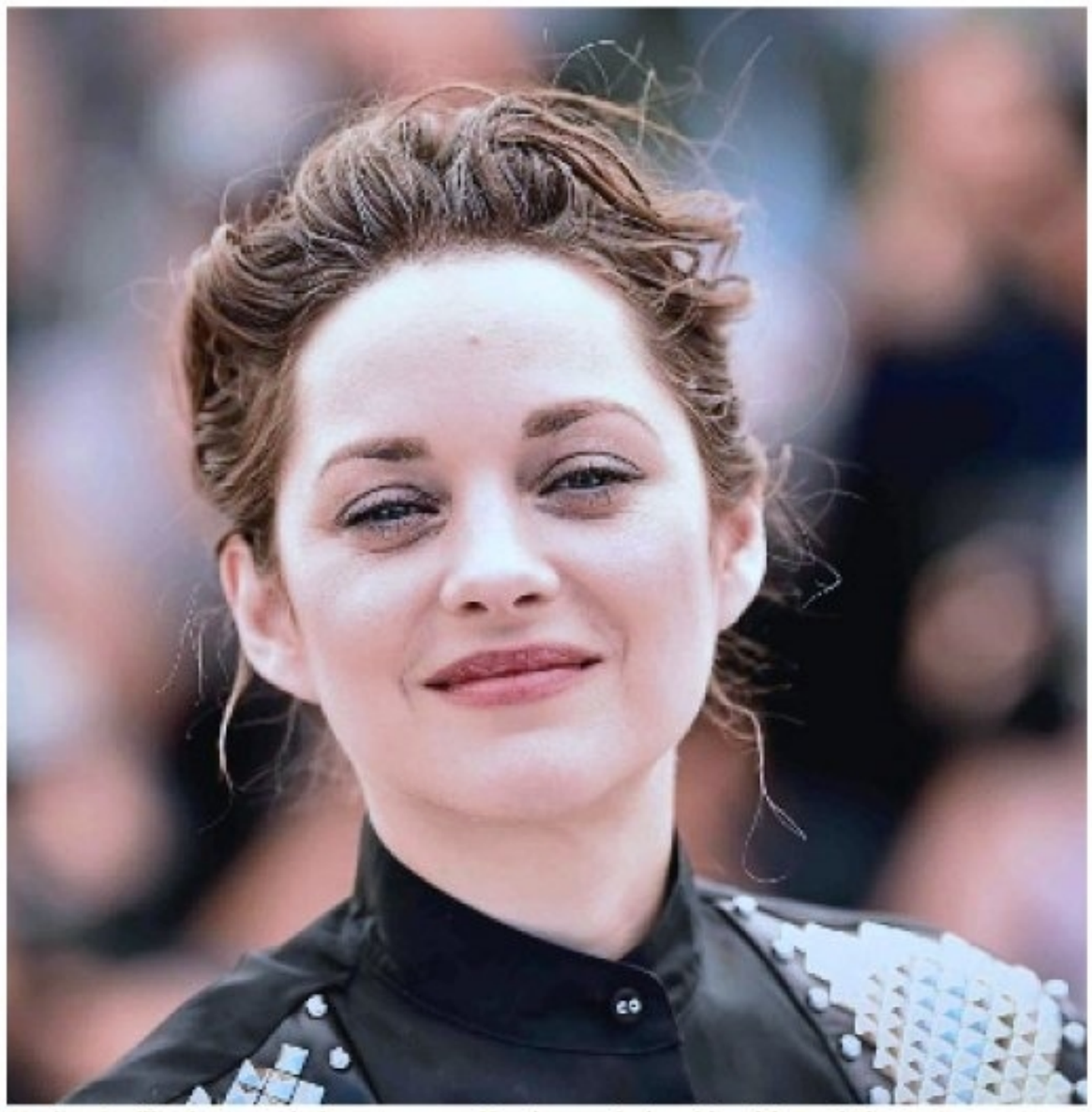

Marion Cotillard responded to rumours of having a relationship with Brad Pitt on Instagram on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Cotillard pregnant, denies Pitt affair

GOSSIP

On Instagram actress says she didn't cause Pitt-Jolie split

Marion Cotillard is announcing her pregnancy and shooting down rumours of any romantic involvement with Brad Pitt.

"This is going to be my first and only reaction to the whirlwind news that broke 24 hours ago and that I was swept up into," the Oscar-winning actress wrote in a statement posted Wednesday on Instagram.

The star of such films as Inception and Rust and Bone said that she is "not used to commenting on things like this nor taking them seriously but as this situation is spiraling and affecting people I love, I have to speak up."

Cotillard affirmed her long-time relationship with actor Guillaume Canet.

The couple are parents to a five-year-old son.

She said in her Instagram post alongside a photo of bird soaring through the sky that he is "the only one that I need" and they are expecting another child.

The actress, who won an Academy Award in 2008 for her performance as the legendary French singer Edith Piaf in La Vie en Rose, stars with Pitt in the upcoming World War II romantic thriller Allied.

Several reports this week suggested a relationship between Cotillard and Pitt was one of the reasons Angelina Jolie filed for divorce on Monday.

"This crafted conversation isn't distressing," Cotillard wrote.

"And to all the media and the haters who are quick to pass judgment, I sincerely wish you a swift recovery," she added.

Cotillard says she hopes Jolie and Pitt "will find peace in this very tumultuous moment."

A spokeswoman for Cotillard didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment about the Instagram post.

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Marion Cotillard

Youth inspires genuine performance

INTERVIEW

Child actors in Queen of Katwe bring refreshing quality: Oyelowo

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Imagine seeing a movie in a theatre for the first time. Now imagine the first movie you see on the big screen is the story of your life. That's what happened to Phiona Mutesi.

"I've never been in a theatre," she said at the Toronto International Film Festival, the night after Queen of Katwe premiered in front of a sold-out crowd of 2,600 people.

"This has been my first time."

Based on the book The Queen of Katwe: A Story of Life, Chess, and One Extraordinary Girl's Dream of Becoming a Grandmaster, the movie tells the tale of how Mutesi (Madina Nalwanga), an illiterate girl from a very poor family in Kampala, Uganda, learns to play chess, and with the help of mentor Robert Katende (David Oyelowo), moves from local tournaments to the World Chess Olympiad.

"We have had video shacks for the longest time," says director Mira Nair, a Ugandan resident of almost three decades, "but until five years ago we didn't have theatres in malls. The price of a ticket is almost $10, which prices it out of everyone's reach. It is true that a kid like Phiona would not choose to spend that kind of money to go to the theatre.

"She'd see a pirated DVD in a shack somewhere."

The Disney movie was shot on the streets of Kampala and features more than 100 local actors, many of whom, Nair points out, had never seen a camera before.

"I actually took a bunch of the kids to see Jurassic World while we were doing the film," says star Oyelowo, "and Madina (Nalwanga), who plays Phiona, sat next to me and was clutching me the whole time, terrified by the movie.

She turned to me and said, 'Is this what we are doing?' I asked her if she had ever seen a film before and she said no.

"We were halfway through shooting a film in which she is playing the lead."

Oyelowo, a Golden Globe nominee for his work playing Martin Luther King in Selma, says working with the young, inexperienced actors was a "was a wonderful thing for the film."

"Because the kids in this film were not necessarily connecting what we were doing in shooting the film with what they had seen before, because they hadn't seen a movie in a movie theatre before, it meant there was something really unaffected, something really free, something genuine about their performances.

"I found I was getting a refresher course in how to be truthful in front of a camera," he adds.

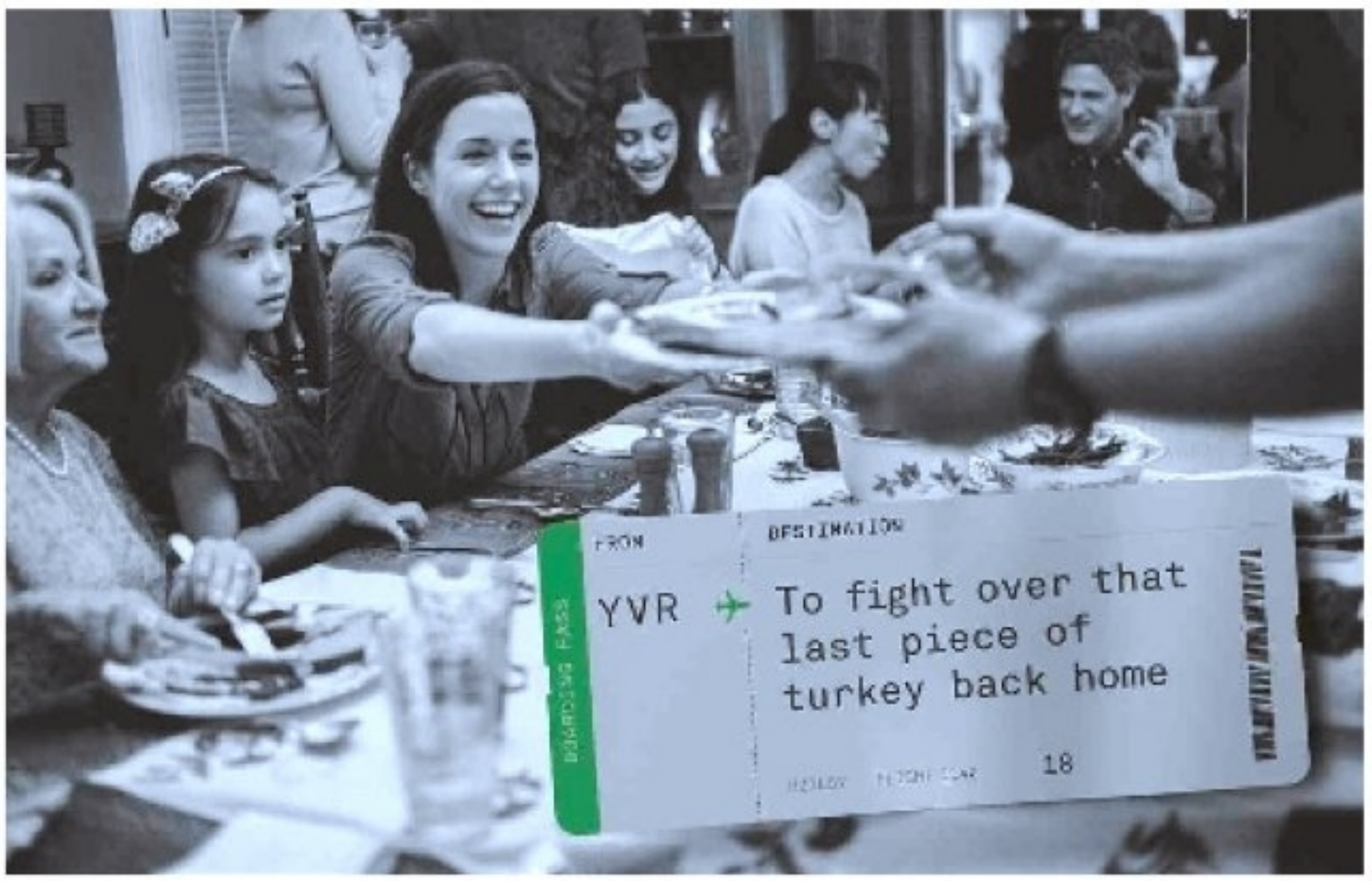
"Inevitably after you have done a few movies you start adopting a house style. You start knowing too much in a sense.

"Even though it is kind of a mind-blowing thing that they haven't seen a movie, because we in the west take it very much for granted, it actually lends a very specific quality to the film itself," he says.

Below, from left, Ugandan national chess champion Phiona Mutesi, Indian filmmaker Mira Nair, Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyongo and Mutesi's chess coach Robert Katende. GETTY IMAGES

Madina Nalwanga stars as Ugandan chess champion Phiona Mutesi in Queen of Katwe, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

> **I found I was getting a refresher course in how to be truthful in front of a camera.** David Oyelowo on working with a young cast, some of whom had never been to a movie theatre.



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Lupita Nyong'o returns to big screen

INTERVIEW

Actress brings breadth of experience to Queen of Katwe

The filmmaker Mira Nair was familiar with the regal grace of Lupita Nyong'o long before most.

The Indian-born, New York-based Nair has been close friends with Nyong'o's family for years. One of Nyong'o's first jobs in the movies was interning in New York for Nair's production company. She also later worked for Nair's Uganda-centred film school, Maisha Film Labs.

What does Nair recall of Nyong'o as a younger woman?

"Like she is: immensely thoughtful and stylish," Nair says with a laugh. "She wouldn't speak unless she had something to say. And full of fun, which sometime you guys don't see. But there's a real appetite for life there."

In the African chess prodigy tale Queen of Katwe, a now much more established Nyong'o has reunited with Nair for a film that reflects much of the actress's past, as well as her future. It is, surprisingly, the first time moviegoers have gotten to see Nyong'o's face on screen since her breakout, Oscar-winning performance in 2013's 12 Years a Slave.

In the three years since, she's appeared in Star Wars: The Force Awakens in a motion-capture performance, lent her voice to The Jungle Book and starred on Broadway in Danai Guirira's Liberian drama Eclipsed, earning a Tony nomination. But Queen of Katwe, she says, epitomizes the kind of film she wants to be in.

"The success of 12 Years a Slave has put me in a position where I can choose," Nyong'o said in a recent interview. "I want to honour the opportunity that I've been given. So I've worked very hard to choose things that I'm passionate about because I think I'm most useful when I feel conviction. I want to continue to do work that moves me and develops cultural conversations.

"It takes one film at a time, one story at a time, to actually shift the norm," she adds.

Queen of Katwe, which opens Friday, is itself an anomaly. It's a family-friendly film made in Africa with an entirely black cast — a first for Disney. The film tells of Phiona Mutesi's (newcomer Madina Nalwanga) rise from the Katwe slums in Kampala, Uganda, to elite levels of chess. Nair shot it in South Africa and Uganda. Nyong'o plays Phiona's head-strong mother.

The local flavour, as well as the real people the story is based on (who appear briefly but movingly at the end), gives Queen of Katwe an infectious spirit. During one celebratory scene in Katwe, extras mixed with nearby onlookers, eager to join in the exultation.

"Because this doesn't happen very often, we were all filled with such gratitude to be able to tell this story," says Nyong'o.

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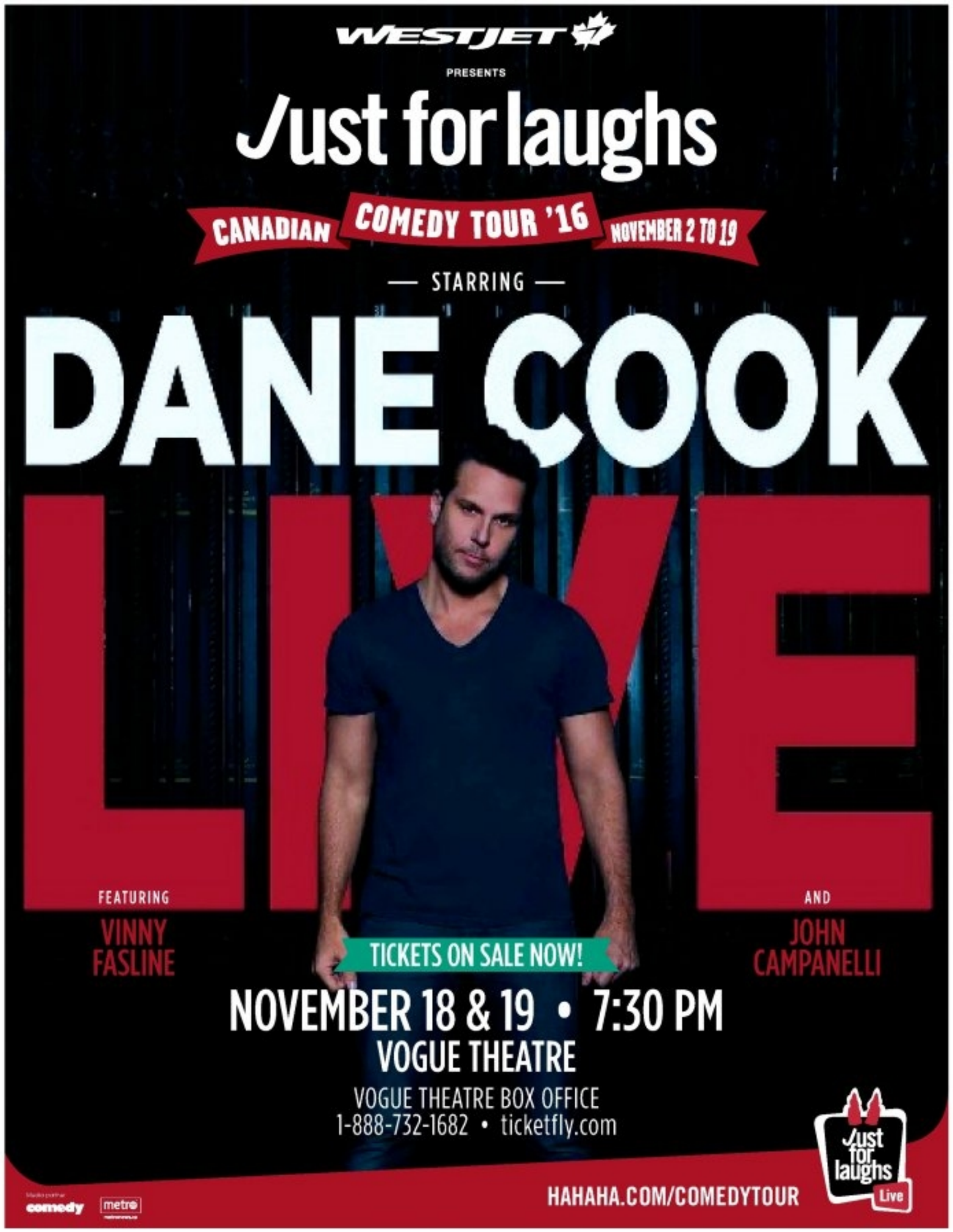
Lupita Nyong'o plays the head strong mother of chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi in Queen of Katwe. CONTRIBUTED



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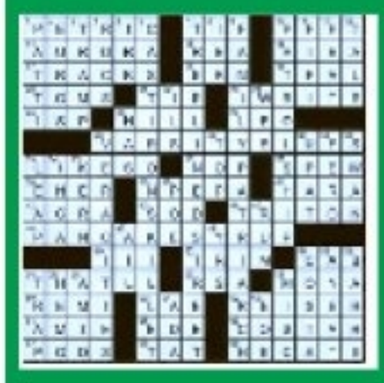

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Hudson returns for 'little-known story'

FINDING ALTAMIRA

Filmmaker's comeback a tale of prehistoric cave drawings

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Antonio Banderas stars in Finding Altamira as real-life archeologist Marcelino Sanz de Sautuola, whose discovery of prehistoric cave paintings rocked the scientific world and theories of creationism. HANDOUT

Filmmaker Hugh Hudson has been hiding in a cave ever since he released his last movie in 2000.

So what finally lured the Oscar-nominated director back out into dramatic daylight after 16 years?

Well coincidentally, it was a cave.

The Cave of Altamira to be precise.

"People in Spain know about it, but it's a little-known story in a way," admitted the 80-year-old filmmaking legend about Finding Altamira — his latest period drama tracing the discovery of the first cave drawings painted by prehistoric peoples.

"I thought the story was very good because of what it's about — a miscarriage of justice really (and how it) nearly destroyed this man's life," explained Hudson of his desire to delve into the drama about archeologist Marcelino Sanz de Sautuola, whose far-reaching finding created upheaval between the scientific and religious communities during the late 19th Century.

"For 20 years they were considered pariahs."

Themes of justice and human rights have long played into Hudson's work right back to his Academy Award-winning 1981 hit Chariots of Fire — an iconic film that pitted two outsiders literally running against prejudice during the 1924 Olympics.

"The institutions should be challenged all the time; they're so often full of hypocrisy and self-serving," said Hudson of his tendency to tales that take on the system.

"There are so many awful things that go on in society and there's so much dishonesty and hypocrisy that you have to try and blur it out if you can."

With Finding Altamira, that meant finding the emotional truth in the tragic hero's attempts to convince the public that the drawings debunked creationism.

For the filmmaker, that also meant hiring an actor who could convince audiences of his authenticity.

"I wanted Antonio (Banderas) for this because he's a Spaniard and I think you believe in him," said Hudson, who cast the famous film star instead of practising his predilection for using unknown actors.

"When you get into the cinema and you meet a character for the first time, if its somebody very well-known, you have to get over that barrier (but) it was good to have Antonio in it — he's so good."

VIDEO: HUGH HUDSON'S EPIC HITS

On Chariots of Fire

As his hit Chariots of Fire celebrates its 35th Anniversary, Hudson says it feels "as if (he) had nothing to do with it."

"It did take a life (of its own)," admitted the director of his Oscar-winning Best Picture. "It changed the lives of anybody who had anything to do with it. I'm very lucky, really .. a lot of making films has to do with luck."

Greystoke

It earned 3 Oscar-nominations and was a big box-office hit in 1984, but Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan was almost cast with Viggo Mortensen.

"He was an unknown actor (but) I could've easily used Viggo," said Hudson of the runner-up to Christopher Lambert. "He was very fresh, and very young and he was an extremely good actor." METRO

STAR METRO SPONSORED CONTENT — AMERICAN CHEESESTEAK

A tasty Philly tradition comes to Metrotown

Thanks to an offshore entrepreneur, Vancouverites can now enjoy the tradition of the Philadelphia cheesesteak in Burnaby.

In 2011, a local company opened the original American Cheesesteak Co. on Davie Street in Vancouver. A second store recently opened in Burnaby by entrepreneur Qielian Li. She had run successful businesses in the Chinese food industry before taking the leap to Burnaby.

Soon after arriving in Canada, Li recognized more opportunities for the American classic across Metro Vancouver. Thanks to Li's business acumen, the company opened a new location to bring the legendary sandwich to Metrotown in Burnaby.

"Our new location is a chance for us to introduce cheesesteak to the young people who frequent Metrotown," says Eric Chen of The American Cheesesteak Co. "It's also a chance for us to create jobs, particularly for local young people. Our goal is to contribute to the community."

Li was attracted to the Vancouver food industry through the British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program, a government program that encourages newcomers to start businesses in an effort to boost the economy and create local jobs. She recognized the cheesesteak as the perfect opportunity to do just that.

Invented in the South Philadelphia Italian Market back in the 1930s, the cheesesteak caught on like wildfire across the continent.

The American Cheesesteak Co. team maintains the delicious tradition, making each sandwich fresh using tender shaved prime rib, special seasonings, savory cheeses and freshly baked bread.

You can find The American Cheesesteak Co. at 781 Davie Street, between Howe and Granville Streets, in Vancouver. The new location is based in Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby.

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Berlin's Jewish Museum opens show on mystic golem creature

When you're just popping in

Travellers traditionally look for two things: the cheapest and fastest way to get to their vacation spots. But now many are opting for a layover — a sort of bonus trip, where they can spend a day or two before heading to their final destination. We take a look at three great layover locations and what you can do there when time is limited. **CATHERINE ROBERTS/FOR METRO**

MEXICO CITY

Once maligned, Mexico City has revamped its public spaces and is the midst of a cultural renaissance. Zócalo, the city centre, is a great place to begin sightseeing. You can see the presidential palace, visit Metropolitan Cathedral, the city's most iconic building, and explore the prehistoric Aztec ruins of Templo Mayor. To sample deli treats and have some complimentary wine, make your way to Mercado San Juan, a 60-year-old market frequented local chefs. Have another day or two? Spend a morning delving into Mexico's past at the anthropology museum or see the pyramids at Teotihucán. To capture the city's nightlife, head to the bohemian enclave of Roma.

ICELAND

Few countries have been as successful as Iceland in promoting themselves as a layover destination. In fact, the discount airline WOW has been enticing travellers with cheap flights to Europe and no-cost stopovers in Iceland. With virtually no pollution and huge swathes of deserted areas, Iceland just might be the ultimate nature trip. If you're spending anytime in Reykjavik choose a centrally located hotel. The Icelandic Hotel Marina , for instance, has great views of Mt. Esja, lines the harbor and is a 10-minute walk — if that — from downtown. Make sure to pick-up a City Card which gets you into galleries, geothermal pools, museums and on all city buses. A definite must-do: take a dip in a thermal swimming pool — it's an Icelandic tradition — and visit the Harpa concert hall. This architectural stunner consists of 12,000 square metres of translucent glass blocks. Then, leave the city and see some of the island's natural attractions such as the Geysir and Gullfoss or spend the day horseback riding, trekking, or whale-watching either with a tour group or on your own. Reykjavik's nightlife is as legendary as its Northern Lights, so why not end your stay at one of many venues that are by day mask as cafés but by transform as lively night bar rooms.

HAWAII

Thinking of heading Down Under but dread that long flight to Sydney? David Griffiths, a luxury travel specialist with Vancouver's Carlson Wagonlit Omega Travel, says Hawaii is an ideal place for a layover. To get the most out of your short stay on O'ahu, you might want to rent a car. The entire island takes around three hours to circumnavigate, so in between lounging on the sand or surfing at Waikiki Beach, check out the panoramic views of the island by hiking to the summit of Diamond Head. And go "eye-to-mask" with tropical fish in Hanauma Bay, where you'll find some of the best snorkeling.

OTHER GREAT LAYOVERS

Rome Italy's capital, with its unrivaled art collections and long history, is best taken in on a walking tour or on a Vespa. Don't miss: The Pantheon, the national museum, Villa Borghese and Campo de' Fiori.

Istanbul This is a city like no other. It straddles two continents, is simultaneously ancient and modern, and is equal parts religious and secular. Visit Aya Sofya, take a cruise on the Bosphorus and spend time at the Spice Bazaar.

Dubai: This desert wonderland is a shopping mecca. For gold (Deira Gold Souq), for textiles (Bur Dubai Souq) and for the "mother of all malls (Dubai Mall).

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New exhibit invites Avatar fans to visit Pandora

Fans of the film Avatar can now experience Pandora in person. The Avatar: Discover Pandora exhibition will open in Taiwan in December before travelling the world next year. Fox Consumer Products said Monday the exhibit will feature flora and fauna from the fictional planet as well as interactive experiences with its indigenous population, the Na'vi.

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Strange brews: Making beer with Boston river water

Some of New England's leading breweries are competing to see who can turn the questionable water of Boston's Charles River into the tastiest suds. Six area breweries have signed on for the first ever Brew the Charles challenge. The competition is a highlight of HUBweek, a weeklong Boston-area festival celebrating innovation in art, science and technology, starting Sept. 25.

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ISTOCK

Mount Rushmore a boon for tourism, creativity

A historian thought sculptures of significant Western figures might bring more people to the Black Hills of South Dakota and ran it by an artist in 1924. Sculptor Gutzon Borglum told the historian to think bigger. October marks 75 years for the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, which is a muse for political cartoonists and makes frequent cameos in movies.

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African-American journey gets museum

WASHINGTON

Five-storey space to honour black experience

When the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture opens this week alongside the Washington Monument and the National Museum of American History, it will firmly — and finally — anchor the black experience in the nation's narrative.

Fifty years after the end of the Civil War, black citizens in Washington, D.C., formed the National Memorial Association with the purpose of "erecting a beautiful building suitable to depict the Negro's contribution to America." It would be, they said, "a shrine for posterity."

It has taken a century for their dream to be realized in Washington. During that time, other monuments and museums celebrating the stories of other Americans were proposed and built in the nation's capital.

On Saturday, the long wait is over: America's first black president and first lady will preside over the museum's opening.

The crown on the head of this sculpture by Nigerian artist Olowe of Ise helped inspire the design of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Thousands are expected to attend the museum's inaugural weekend, and millions more will virtually experience the milestone via social media.

The imposing space on the National Mall likely will set visitor records. And in an era informed simultaneously by the historic election of U.S. President Barack Obama and a succession of killings of unarmed black men at the hands of police, it is a building that will affirm for many that black lives matter.

Its facade is unlike anything else in Washington. The building's outward design — known as the Corona — features walls reaching skyward, evoking the resiliency, faith and hope that has sustained black Americans since they were brought to the country in bondage. Its three-tiered shape is inspired by a symbol from the Yoruba people of West Africa featuring a crown. The 3,600 bronze-colored panels surrounding the building are a tribute to the 19th-century ironwork created by slaves in New Orleans.

> **I think we owe something to that generation.**
> Marcia Morris, English teacher

"The structure itself is imbued with meaning," said Phil Freelon, the lead architect for the museum. "All these things are subtle. That's intentional. It has a certain sense to it that is African-American, in the way that our culture is expressive in other areas."

It is a building that fulfills the original vision of the association members. In a letter addressed to state representatives across the country, the group pled their case for a national memorial, saying, "General memorials do not make the average American think of Negroes. Therefore, the failure to erect a special memorial may and probably will be interpreted as meaning that Negroes have made no great contribution to American advancement in war or in any other field."

Standing five stories high with 60 per cent of the building below ground, the 400,000-square foot structure attempts to hold four centuries of black history. Visitors begin by descending to the basement and then walk up a series of ramps winding through the origins of slavery, to the bonds of Jim Crow, to an integrated society. Exhibits on the upper floors highlight the unique contributions of blacks to areas of American life, including the military, sports, music, visual arts, film and television, business, news media and religion.

Marcia Morris, a 12th-grade English teacher who lives in nearby Fairfax, Virginia, has closely followed news reports as the museum acquired rare treasures and opening day approached. "The closer it came to completion, the more real it became," she said.

As construction progressed, Morris thought often of her deceased grandparents, who lived during segregation.

"A museum just dedicated to the history of black people? That was not in the realm of (my grandfather's) thought process," she said. "They weren't educated. I know the things my grandparents went through. I think we owe something to that generation."

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CEO talks about making travel sustainable

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Anyone who has ever gone travelling will attest to its ability to provide new experiences, challenges and inspiration.

But how true this is for any given trip depends a lot on how you do it, says Bruce Poon Tip, founder and CEO of G Adventures, a Toronto-based travel company that focuses on smaller group tours.

"The biggest problem with tourism is the consumer is being marketed to that bigger is better," he says.

"Resorts are getting more inclusive and getting bigger and are becoming compounds more than holiday places and don't represent the region anymore."

He says some of the joys of travelling are experiencing other cultures and interacting with local residents, which just doesn't happen if you don't leave your comfort zone.

Speaking with Metro ahead of Sept. 27, better known in the industry as World Tourism Day, Poon Tip discussed sustainable travel and how consumers can make better choices.

While he points out it's a complex topic that's hard to do justice in a few hundred words, he does offer simple tips for those who want a different type of experience.

• He says travellers should ask their providers questions about who owns the company and where the is money going and make it a point to spend at shops and restaurants outside of all-inclusive properties. "The consumer in my mind has all the power to create change in tourism," he says.

• On a more philosophical level, he encourages people to examine their motivations for travelling. "Travel could be one of the greatest forms of wealth distribution the world has ever seen, and all it takes is for people to match the values of the way they're living at home to their holiday choices," he says. "We're all born travellers, but society makes us tourists."

Bruce Poon Tip says a lot of travel experiences have become too sanitized. "If you want all the comforts of home, stay at home," he says. COURTESY G ADVENTURES

NEXT BIG THINGS IN TRAVEL

Poon Tip shares his picks for the next big destinations:

Galápagos Islands
"It's the perfect holiday between education and beauty, because you learn about Darwin's theories of evolution while being in such a stunning place."

Japan
"There's a run-up to Japan for the Olympics. It's such a unique and curious place. Their young generation is crazy — their art is like nowhere else."

The 'stans
"They've recently lifted travel restrictions in all of the 'stans (the Central Asian countries whose names end in -stan). It's a beautiful undiscovered place. It's a very unique culture, a cross between Asia and Europe."

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Whiz kids turn heads

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Talent on Team North America deliver on buzz despite ouster

Connor McDavid and Auston Matthews may never again line up together wearing the same colours, but if head coach Todd McLellan has his way the concept of Team North America will live on at the World Cup of Hockey.

"If I get a vote I'd like to do it again," McLellan said. "We've proven that this young generation can play with the older ones. We've been very entertaining. I think if you surveyed 99 out of 100 fans they'd probably say 'Put 'em in again.'"

Auston Matthews
GETTY IMAGES

Donning silver, black and bright orange uniforms, the squad of 23-and-under stars from Canada and the United States delivered on the buzz.

They were an exhilarating rush of speed, skill and excitement in three tournament games, presenting awesome combinations of young talent together on one stage. The roster included the last four No. 1 overall picks and five of the last six dating back to 2011.

"I think we've definitely turned some heads and opened the eyes of everyone," said McDavid, the team's captain.

No connection offered more intrigue than Matthews and McDavid, future cornerstones of their respective teams in Toronto and Edmonton. The two flashed explosive speed and creativity together alongside Winnipeg Jets star Mark Scheifele or Buffalo forward Jack Eichel, the second pick behind McDavid in 2015.

It was the allure of combinations like that that made North America, which was eliminated Thursday after Russia's 3-0 win over Finland, the most hyped team of the tournament.

"I think we've meshed pretty well together over the course of these three games," said Matthews, who had three points in three games alongside McDavid, who had three assists.

"I think that definitely everyone on our team has had a good showing," said McDavid. "I think the future looks good for the under-23 guys."

Matthews and McDavid weren't the only No. 1 overall picks to shine for North America.

Nathan MacKinnon, the top pick in 2013 and still only 21, dazzled on the overtime winner against Sweden. All alone against Lundqvist, the Halifax native eluded a poke-check, delivered a wicked deke and then roofed a backhand for his second goal in three games.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, the top pick in 2011, also had three points in three games for North America. Aaron Ekblad, the Florida Panthers' No. 1 pick in 2014, withdrew after only one game because of a suspected concussion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Connor McDavid stickhandles past a couple of Swedish players on Wednesday in Toronto.
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Giants hope changes lead to rejuvenation

Gordie Howe is gone, but the Vancouver Giants want to make sure his impact on their franchise will never be forgotten.

The Giants will honour the late hockey legend in a pre-game ceremony when they host the Everett Silvertips in their Western Hockey League season opener Friday. In addition to paying tribute to Howe, a former minority owner of the team who was adored by players, the Giants will use the ceremony as a springboard in their quest to revitalize their once-proud franchise.

"It's not about what Gordie was as a hockey player and all the accolades and all the accomplishments he had, which are limitless," said Giants owner Ron Toigo. "This is really about what Gordie meant to the Vancouver Giants and what the Vancouver Giants meant to Gordie."

Toigo hopes new general manager Glen Hanlon, first-year coach Jason McKee and the club's move to the smaller Langley Events Centre from the often cavernous Pacific Coliseum will rejuvenate the club.

On the ice, the Giants are expected to be led by 18-year-old captain Tyler Benson, a 2016 Edmonton Oilers second-round draft choice THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW COACH

Jason McKee, 37, guided the Spruce Grove Saints to three Alberta Junior Hockey League titles and five final berths in six seasons as coach and GM.

IN BRIEF

Red Sox push win streak to eight after sweep of Orioles

David Price won his eighth straight decision, Hanley Ramirez homered and the Boston Red Sox completed a four-game sweep of the sinking Baltimore Orioles with a 5-3 victory on Thursday night.

Boston has won eight straight to open a 5-1/2-game lead over idle Toronto in the AL East.

Baltimore fell seven games out and dropped 1-1/2 games behind the Blue Jays for the top AL wild card. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Patriots shut out Texans behind rookie quarterback

Another week, another new quarterback, another win for the New England Patriots.

Jacoby Brissett had a 27-yard touchdown run in his first NFL start at quarterback, LeGarrette Blount added scoring runs of one and 41 yards, and the Patriots beat the Houston Texans 27-0 on Thursday night.

Brissett started in place of Jimmy Garoppolo, who was inactive because of an injured right shoulder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Waffled French Toast

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

If you have a waffle maker, dust it off because it doesn't just make great waffles. Witness Waffled French Toast: puffy, light and no standing at the stove waiting to flip.

Ready in 15 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- pinch salt
- 8 thick slices of thick bread
- Non-stick cooking spray

Directions

1. In a shallow bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon and salt until everything is well combined.

2. Soak each slice of bread in the egg mixture.

3. Coat your waffle maker it with non-stick cooking spray. Cook waffles according to manufacturers directions and serve with maple syrup or Greek yogurt.

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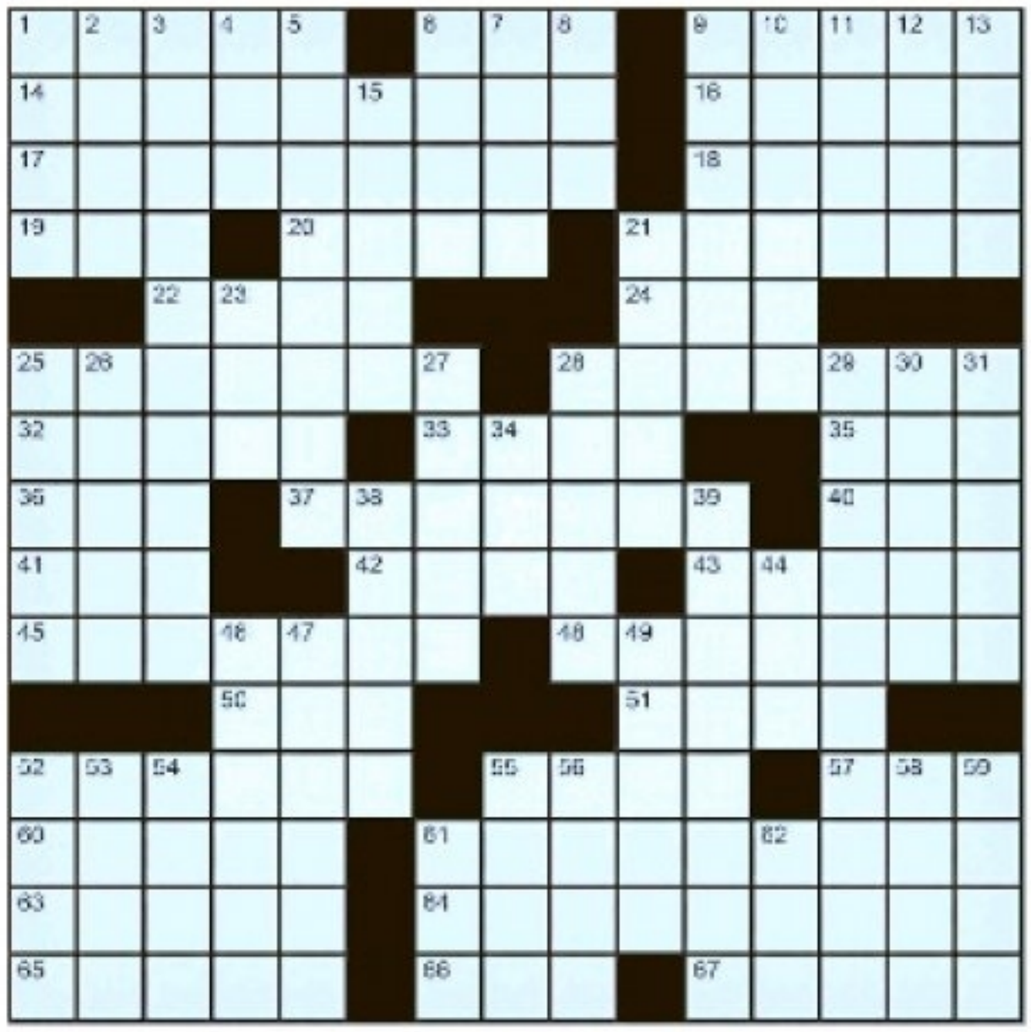

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6. Home, briefly
9. At the stern in sailing
14. They resemble green bananas
16. Egypt's capital
17. The Charleston and The Twist, for example: 2 wds.
18. South American mountains
19. Hydroelectric project
20. Rivers: Spanish
21. Groups of eight
22. Pkgs. requiring payment
24. The Company org.
25. Grows, as bank interest
28. City just southeast of Montreal
32. Makes level
33. Frost
35. 'Select' suffix
36. Poet's 'throughout'
37. Legendary Canadian rock band
40. Fleur-de-__
41. Size between Small and Large, for short
42. Yearn
43. Writer wife of composer Irving Berlin
45. Canadian band with the 1972 hit "Wildflower"
48. Actress Ms. Dawson
50. Cards symbol
51. Like dry Spanish wine
52. T.O. basketballer
55. Pet shelter gr.
57. Angkor __ (Temple in Cambodia)
60. Aunt in Oklahoma!
61. General Manager of the Edmonton Oilers, Peter __
63. Ms. Close the actress
64. Dollop with potato latkes: 2 wds.
65. Places for fans in arenas
66. 'I' of TGIF
67. TV actor Sean

DOWN
1. Two peas in __
2. The Producers character
3. __-__-__ (Pilot of Canada's famous Silver Dart biplane in 1909)
4. Cologne conjunction
5. "We are __ / We are golden..." - Joni Mitchell, "Woodstock"
6. Puerto __
7. Chemical suffixes
8. "Rocky" (1976) star ...his initials-sharers
9. Ukulele wood
10. Rooster logo book publisher
11. Verdi opera
12. Mr. Savage
13. Chuck
15. Fennel-like flavour
21. Autumn hue
23. Miner's find
25. Molecular bits
26. Fish __ Provincial Park, AB
27. Suddenly scare!
28. Escapade
29. Hairstylist who is a regular guest expert on "Cityline": 2 wds.
30. Gladiator's 58
31. "__? __? Maybe?" (What do you think?)
34. "SIMPLY AMAZING!"
38. More unique
39. __ In Motion (BlackBerry's old corporate name)
44. Lake: French
46. Underlying
47. Squirrel caches
49. Lyricist, __ Hammerstein II
52. Li'l rules
53. Pas __ (Ballet move)
54. Request
55. Filmed a movie
56. Name of several Popes
58. Wings, to Nero
59. Canuck coffee venue, to regulars
61. Li'l show on Marg Helgenberger's CV
62. Mesozoic __

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Many of you have ideas about how to make improvements at work. Others have ideas about how to make improvements to their own health. Don't hesitate to act on these impulses.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a powerful day for those of you who are involved in teaching children. You might be able to say something that really impacts a young mind; hopefully, for the better

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good day to tackle home repairs and do recycling and garbage cleanup. This might not sound very exciting, but hey, the results are wonderful!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will be convincing today in all your conversations with others, which is why this is a strong day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write. Write on!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a good day to do repairs to something that you own. You might resurrect something questionable and find a good use for it, because you are clever and resourceful.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is the second day this week where the stars want you to take a realistic look in the mirror and see how you can improve your image. What can you do?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your ability to seek out solutions to old problems is excellent today. In fact, any kind of research that you do will yield results. Bravo.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might attract someone very strong to your circle of friends today. Or possibly, you are the person who delivers a strong message to someone else? (It could happen either way.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because you are persuasive today, bosses and VIPs will listen to you. Conversely, you might encounter a boss who is really persuasive as well!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are eager to introduce reforms and better ways of doing things, especially to politics. This is why your discussions with others will be intense and emotional.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You might be able to finalize certain questions regarding inheritances and shared property today. Issues have been going back and forth; but now they might get settled.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Secrets related to your work might come out today. Whatever you do today, you will scrutinize and examine it in depth.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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